

# Consecrated Service

1 Chr. 29:1-5 “Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup>Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. <sup>3</sup>Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, <sup>4</sup>*Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal*: <sup>5</sup>The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?”

**Intro:** We must first become Christians. This is done by obedience to God’s Mat. 28:18-20 “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup>Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.”; Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup>He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”; Luke 24:46-47 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: <sup>47</sup>And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”). We then are to walk in a new life ( Rom. 6:4 “Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”; Col. 3:1-10; 2 Cor. 5:17 “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”). In this new life it is the Lord’s desire that we go farward and not to retreat (Exo. 14:13-15 “And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. <sup>14</sup>The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward”; Eph. 6:10-17). We are to fight the warfare (1 Tim. 1:18 “This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;” 1 Tim. 6:12 “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”). We are to run the race (1 Cor. 9:24-26 “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. <sup>25</sup>And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. <sup>26</sup>I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:” Heb. 12:1-2 “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”). This must be a willing service (1 Chr. 29:5 “The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?”). If we would willingly consecrate our service, we must consecrate our:

## I. TIME

### A. The kingdom must come first.

1. Mat. 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

2. Luke 12:31 "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."
  3. 1 Tim. 4:8 "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."
  4. Example of Paul: How much time did he give in service to God.
- B. All that we do should be toward the development and growth of the church and God's glory.**
1. Rom. 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
  2. 1 Cor. 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."
  3. Col. 3:17 "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."
- C. We need to live so that when we die we will be prepared.**
1. Eph. 5:15-16 "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, <sup>16</sup>Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
  2. Psa. 90:12 "So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom."

## II. TALENT

- A. Mat. 25:14-30; Luke 19:12-27**
- B. All do not have the same talent.**
1. 1 Cor. 12:
  2. Rom. 12:4-8
- C. Each individual has a talent; Mat. 25:**
- D. Each talent is needed to make the church complete; 1 Cor. 12: (esp. vs. 22-24**  
 "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: <sup>23</sup>And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. <sup>24</sup>For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked:")

## III. INFLUENCE

- A. Mat. 5:13-16** "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. <sup>14</sup>Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
- B. Applies to the entire of life, word and deed.**
1. 2 Cor. 3:2 "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:"
  2. 1 Tim. 4:12 "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."
  3. Example of Dorcas; Acts 9:36-39 "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. <sup>37</sup>And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died:

whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber. <sup>38</sup>And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them. <sup>39</sup>Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.”

4. What is our example showing?

#### IV. MEANS

**A. 1 Cor. 16:2** “Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

**B. All that we have comes from God.**

1. All belongs to Him because he created all things.
  - a. Gen. 1:
  - b. Col. 1:16 “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:”
2. 1 Chr. 29:13-14 “Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. <sup>14</sup>But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.”
3. 1 Pet. 4:10 “As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” A steward is an administrator of God’s house.

**C. We must be liberal in our giving.**

1. Pro. 22:9 “He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.”
2. 2 Cor. 8:2, 7 “How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.... <sup>7</sup>Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, *in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all diligence, and *in* your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also.”
3. 2 Cor. 9:6-7 “But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”
4. Acts 20:35 “I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
5. Col. 3:23-24 “And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; <sup>24</sup>Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”

**Conclusion:** Let us truly consecrate our service to God by dedicating our lives and all we possess to Him.